

WILD ENTHUSIASM

A Tumultuous Scene at the Theatre Last Evening.

PATRIOTIC AIRS CHEERED

"HAIL COLUMBIA" AND THE "STAR SPANGLED BANNER."

"Yankee Doodle" and "America"—Stirring Incident That Was Not Down on the Bills—Frederick Ward As Virginia—Immense Audience at the Grand—Ward Lectures at the Congregational Church This Afternoon.

There was a tumultuous scene at the theatre last evening. The audience was only of respectable size, but it was wound up to a high pitch of enthusiasm, which, finding vent in yells and cheers, made as much noise as though there were 5,000 throats engaged in making the tumult. It all sprang from the action of the orchestra in striking up a medley of patriotic airs. The curtain had just descended on Mr. Ward's big scene, the sacrifice of Virginia, and he and Miss Trux had enjoyed a triple recall, when Mr. Ward struck up "Hail Columbia," a whoop went up from the house that almost dazed the orchestra; then the tune changed into "The Star Spangled Banner" and the cries and applause were redoubled. The audience, a member of the staff party, rising and remaining on his feet throughout the air, then sang "Yankee Doodle," which brought out another whoop and last "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," which would have been encased had not the stage manager run up the curtain and reminded the audience of what it was in danger of forgetting, and that it was not in attendance at a ratification meeting.

Mr. Ward's Virginia is so well known and universally admired that it needs no words of eulogy. Although his voice still retains the semblance of hoarseness which was ever his one drawback, his power, his magnetism and his wealth of feeling have not in the least diminished, and the tremendous effect he makes of the sacrifice of his daughter is just as fine as ever, while his delivery of the mad scene at the close remains as strong as before. Miss Trux made an excellent Virginia, her reading being charming throughout, and her death scene, though artistically in its freedom from any straining after effect. While the support cannot be called brilliant, it is capable, the best instances of acting being the denials of the mad scene, his German accent could not be entirely disguised, and the illness of Mr. Martin, Mr. Hotchkiss' Apollus was painfully overacted, and the scene when he was shocked off. The stage management was very good throughout, and showed Mr. Ward's painstaking hand. Tonight the engagement closes with "Ingomar," Mr. Ward and Miss Trux having the two principal roles. He should make an admirable barbarian and she will no doubt bring the full possibilities out of Parthenia.

The Grand caught the hordes last night. Blaney's company, advertising filling the gallery back to the walls and bringing into use almost every seat down stairs. "The Hired Girl" is made up on the exceedingly swift lines of "A Boy Wanted" and other vivacious, accelerating compositions by the same up-to-date writer. It is barren of any special plot, and when the kickers, the dancers, the contortionists and the specialty artists are on the stage, no one thinks of looking for one. The four girls, the duetted sisters, are unexcelled in their line, and Mr. Whipple does some good comedy. The Irish slave of mischievous propensities in a rough and tumble fashion very taking with the gallery, and Mr. Moxey, who had an extremely talkative but rather stupid part in the old played a lively vis a vis to him. The bill runs all the week.

Frederick Ward lectures at the First Congregational church this afternoon, his subject being "The Life and Labors of Shakespeare."

GOT THE RIGHT MAN.

C. J. Mulkey, Our Old Friend, Secured By the Saltair Management.

"Beautiful Saltair" will be opened in information on the new train will commence running from the Rio Grande Western depot at 2:15 p. m., and continue every hour thereafter, a special attraction having been secured for Saturday, Sunday and Monday, the Ladies' Military band, of Boston, en route from Portland to Omaha, where they will play during the exposition. The organization is very fine, and although the time is short, there will be ample entertainment on those opening days as well as through the season, because our old friend C. J. Mulkey has been secured by Colonel Clayton as manager of attractions. Mr. Mulkey, it will be remembered, was formerly the manager at old Lake Park, and by his Napoleonic methods took thousands to Lake Park, and satisfied them all, too. He is the most popular manager of attractions for resorts that Salt Lake has ever had, and his coming means that the saltair will fairly hum at Saltair this season.

As yet no privileges have been let. The Herald has already announced that the rate for the season will be 25 cents for the round trip.

People Coming West.

Chicago, April 25.—Taking advantage of changed conditions incident to the war the railroads of the west are making a strong bid for the economic tourist business which usually goes to Europe or the seashore.

Erie Makes a Record.

Cleveland, O., April 25.—Without any special effort the Erie railway yesterday established a new record for speed between New York and Cleveland. The time of all roads for the distance was broken by one hour and 21 minutes. A special newspaper train left New York at 10 a. m. and arrived in Cleveland at 3:54 p. m. The Western patent of engine was used and the train consisted of an engine and five cars from New York to Hornellsville and an engine and two cars from Hornellsville to Cleveland. Some 16 stops were made on the trip.

PIRATE SHE WILL BE.

Sentiment In Spain too Strong to Withhold Letters of Marque.

New York, April 25.—Letters of marque are not to be issued by the Spanish government at present, but it is believed here that this will soon be, says the Madrid correspondent of the Herald.

It is estimated, it is difficult to say on what grounds, that in a very brief period between 500 and 2,000 Spanish can be equipped ready for scouring the seas in search of contraband of war destined for the United States.

Billiardist Dropped Dead.

New York, April 25.—William Sexton, formerly champion professional billiard player, dropped dead this afternoon. He was 50 years old.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER
The Royal is the highest grade baking powder known. Actual tests show it goes one-third further than any other brand.



CAPE VERDE FLEET

Notified By Portugal to Leave St. Vincent.

PROBABLY LEFT TODAY

ITS DESTINATION ALSO BURIED IN MYSTERY.

Officers of Portuguese Men-of-War Consider Spanish Fleet Very Strong; That Spain Will Be Victorious In Beginning, But Yankee Money Will Triumph In The End.

Washington, April 25.—The Post tomorrow will say:

The Spanish fleet, which mobilized at Cape Verde islands, was yesterday notified by Portugal to leave St. Vincent.

London, April 25.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, dated Monday, says:

Visiting the Spanish fleet has been forbidden, and no maneuvering, target practice or exercising whatever is proceeding. All the ships have been painted black. No shore leave is granted.

The cruisers have been all day coaling. All the stores and supplies in St. Vincent have been purchased to supply the squadron, and even passing vessels are laid under contribution.

The bay is busy with launches and boats being the detritus of the land, and the brilliant illuminated all night with electric searchlights and signals.

Two Portuguese men-of-war are here, and Governor Lacerda is staying until the Spanish depart.

The Portuguese consider the Spanish fleet very strong and believe that Spain will be victorious at the commencement of the campaign.

WILL LEAVE TODAY.

London, April 25.—A special dispatch from St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, dated today, Monday, 7:25 a. m., says:

There is reason to believe the Spanish fleet sails to-day. It is exceedingly formidable, including four first-class cruisers, six torpedo boats and two armed transports.

St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands, April 25.—3:40 p. m.—The Spanish fleet is still here, but it is reported that the vessels sail from this island to-morrow.

THE SPANISH AUDAZ.

British Neutrality Laws Compelled Her to Leave Ireland.

Queenstown, April 25.—There is little doubt in naval circles here that the Audaz, which, in compliance with oratory, the British admiral, left port at 1:40 o'clock this morning, will go to Ferrol or Cadiz from here, as a considerable quantity of her war equipments have still to be placed on board of her before she can be pronounced ready for active service.

Her sister boat, the Osado, which towed her here from Waterford, into which she put in after the Audaz was damaged, went to Ferrol from Queenstown to be fitted with the equipments not furnished by her English builders.

In view of the outbreak of hostilities, the dock company at Cork, which has been preparing the torpedo boat, has rushed work night and day on the Spanish cruiser.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

At Madrid, Spanish fleet closed at 3:40. At London, Spanish fleet closed at 3:40.

Nearly all the Spanish officers' uniforms to one of the biggest Sheffield firms, have been cancelled.

A Red Cross society has been formed. Its members will tender their services to the government.

Prince Albert of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold of Belgium and heir presumptive to the Belgian throne, is in San Francisco.

The Spanish torpedo gunboat Temeraire, according to a dispatch to the London Standard, is under way to the west coast of Africa.

A decision was rendered in the United States supreme court in the Illinois inheritance tax case, sustaining the law. The opinion was rendered by Justice McKenna.

Minister Barrett, at San Francisco, suggests that if America captures the Philippine islands, she should negotiate with Great Britain to exchange them for the latter's West Indian colony.

The Spanish minister, Senor Cologan, is endeavoring to persuade Cuba to declare her neutrality, in view of the fact that the Americans are using Mirs bay as a base of operations.

The report that the war with Spain will cause a postponement of the Trans-Pacific exposition is utterly without foundation. The work vigorously proceeds and everything will be in readiness for the opening day, June 1.

An exciting meeting of the Spanish Red Cross society has informed the Spanish commission that it is prepared to send an expedition to Cuba.

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SINGSBEE CHALLENGED

Officer Attached to Polo's Suite Threw Down the Gauntlet.

LEE IN LIKE MANNER

INCURRED THE SPANISH FOOL'S DISPLEASURE.

Forbidden to Issue the Challenge By Senor Polo Until the Night the Legation Left Washington—Sigsbee's and Lee's Testimony the Foundation of the Spaniard's Ire.

Washington, April 25.—Lieutenant Ramon de Carranza of the Spanish navy, until recently naval attaché of the Spanish legation at Washington, has challenged Sigsbee of the Maine to fight duels. The challenge was issued on the night that the Spanish minister withdrew from Washington.

Lieutenant de Carranza had determined upon this course of action immediately after General Lee and Captain Sigsbee stated before congressional committees that, in their belief, Spanish naval officers should await the termination of diplomatic relations between Spain and the United States before they would accept a challenge. This secretary is now broken, however, by the rumors current and the facts of the challenges are made public.

In the meantime, Lieutenant de Carranza continued his personal challenge while the military attaché here, and the details of the challenges were arranged by Minister Polo. Captain Sigsbee and one other person were aware of what was the strictest secrecy being maintained on all points connected with the challenge, which gives to the party challenged the privilege of making public the facts in the transaction.

CHALLENGE TO LEE.

Lieutenant de Carranza's first challenge was sent to General Lee, and it is rather more lengthy than the one to Captain Sigsbee. It is couched in courteous language, but aside from the challenge proper, it contains an intimation that General Lee, with a view to provoking him to an acceptance, the letter states that the Spanish minister had before a congressional committee, and in his judgment Spanish officials excluded the United States from the defense of Havana.

"Any man who makes such a charge on me," the letter says, "is a man who is not capable of committing the crime."

He refers to reports that General Lee will return to Cuba as a major general, and asks that before he goes, he will have the honor to accept the challenge.

For eight days I shall await your answer at the Spanish consulate in Toronto."

THINKS LEE WILL ACCEPT.

The challenge to General Lee was mailed at 8:30 p. m. on the 24th inst., as the minister here, the Spanish minister, about to take the train, the state department having furnished him his passport that afternoon. It was directed to the state department, as General Lee had been assigned from that department. It happened, however, that he had gone to Richmond, so that it is not known whether he received the letter the following morning.

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EIGHT DAYS GIVEN.

The challenge to Captain Sigsbee is substantially the same as that to General Lee, but is slightly briefer, owing to the shorter time allowed for his answer. In this challenge, also, eight days are given for his answer.

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What Sigsbee Says.

Philadelphia, April 25.—Captain Sigsbee, when seen tonight in reference to the challenge, said to have been sent him by Lieutenant de Carranza, said:

"I do not believe any such challenge has been issued. I have not received it, and I do not think I would have heard of it if it had been sent to me in Washington."

"In case you do receive it, what action will you take," was asked.

"I have heard to believe, and I cannot say what I would do. It is false to say that I testified to the senate committee that Spanish officials' conduct was such that I would not accept a challenge."

He said that the Maine was blown up by an exterior force, and I would have been a fool not to say so.

"I met Lieutenant Carranza at Key West, and he said to me, 'What appeared to be a very courteous gentleman and our relations were always pleasant. This is the first time I have heard that he took exception to my testimony before the senate committee, and I still think there is some mistake; that he has not issued the challenge. I can't say what disposition I shall make of the challenge if it comes.'"

Ingleside Races.

San Francisco, April 25.—Weather at Ingleside cloudy; track fast. Results:

First Race, Four Furlongs.—Mowena won, Ann Page second, Crossmolina third. Time—1:40 1/4.

Second Race, Seven Furlongs, Selling.—Hermosa won, William O'Brien second, Lucky Star third. Time—2:35 1/2.

Third Race, Mile and an Eighth.—Won't Dance won, Galtier Joe second, Bernardella third. Time—1:53 1/4.

Fourth Race, Four Furlongs.—Tortoni won, Texarkana second, Geo. Palmer third. Time—2:00 1/2.

Fifth Race, Seven Furlongs.—Odds On won, Don Luis second, Daisy F. third. Time—2:12 1/2.

Sixth Race, One Mile.—La Goleta won, The Ace second, The Dragon third. Time—1:42 1/4.

The Oriental Standpoint.

New York Tribune: This is how a Chinese visitor in this country describes Americans in a Chinese paper: "They live months without eating a mouthful of rice; they eat bullocks and sheep in enormous quantities; they have to bathe frequently; they eat meat with knives and prongs; they never enjoy themselves by sitting quietly on their heels; they are given to kicking and kicking balls as if paid to do it, and they have no dignity, for they may be found walking with women."

Worse Than Bones.

Indianapolis Journal: "I'll never eat another Scotchman," said the King of Mowpka, as he rubbed himself tenderly, unless all the dialect has been picked out.

SOME MARRIAGE STATISTICS.

Ages at Which Men and Women Marry.

That the average woman, say in New York, or in any of our cities, will marry at the age of 25.46 years can be demonstrated, as can the fact that of 100 who reach the age 21 will never marry. It is strange but true that more women marry than men. Of 100 men, 42 will reach the age of 25 years, 27 will be single. From this it will be seen that 58 of every 100 men will be married, and 42 of every 100 women will be widows. This leaves 58 bachelors and 42 spinster widows.

Old Weller's advice, "Beware of the widows," is more numerous than sound. Statistics prove that the widows not only do not monopolize the eligible men, but that they are not even dangerous rivals for the maidens in the matrimonial market. Bachelors should make a choice among the widows, for there is more to be feared from one spinster than from 15 widows, and widows, however, are scarce.

No fortune-teller or palm-reader, no clairvoyant or medium, can tell the future of a man or woman who marries. It is the question of marriage. Out of every 100 marriages in any of our cities, 65 will add, in any part of our country, 19 will be minors, and all the minors but one will be women. The average age of the former will be 25.46 and of the latter 25.46.

This might prove that bachelors are more cautious than spinsters, but it is no doubt, due to the fact that girls are regarded as marriageable at 15 or 17, and men not till after 21. Forty-three out of every 100 marriages in any of our cities are between 20 and 25 years of age, and the remainder, 57, are between 25 and 30. The number of women who marry under 25 is twice as great as the number of men who marry under 25. The average age of the first time, widows remarry at an average age of 39, and widowers at 41.

The following table, compiled from our last census, shows the number of marriages in 1,000 marriages, 1/100 of the brides and grooms are as follows:

MARRIAGES IN 1,000 MARRIAGES.

Of the remaining nine men and five women, the marriages will be between 60 and 80 years, by which time, it is generally supposed, the men are past the prime of youth are under the control of the reason. It will be noted that after the age of 30, the number of marriages falls off rapidly.

It is estimated that in any of our cities, the number of marriageable but unmarried women between the ages of 15 and 25 is about 100,000, while the number of unmarried men living in greater New York is about 100,000.

The truth is that every woman living in this country, who is between the ages of 15 and 25, has a chance of getting married; 25 out of every 100 must go through life husbandless. Neither the man nor the woman has the right of divorce after this. There may be some comfort in the thought that there are so many unmarried men in the same condition as to women.

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TO ARM THE CUBANS

Uncle Sam Preparing to Land 30,000 Stand of Rifles.

DELIVERY TO GEN. GOMEZ

NO ONE ELSE PERMITTED TO RECEIVE THEM.

Vessel, Protected By Two Gunboats, Will Probably Convey Arms and Ammunition This Week to Some Secluded Place On the Coast—Contemplated Plans of Co-operation.

New York, April 25.—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: Arrangements have been completed by this government to supply the Cuban insurgents with arms and ammunition.

The government is preparing now to land in Cuba from 25,000 to 30,000 stand of improved Springfield rifles, a number of artillery batteries, rapid-fire machine guns and an abundance of ammunition, for the effective use of them.

It cannot now be said when these munitions of war will be placed in the hands of the insurgents, but when the proper time arrives for the 25,000 arms and ammunition to be delivered to the Cuban forces, they will be thoroughly armed and equipped for battle.

When Estrada de Palma and Brigadier General Castillo visited the war department last week, the plans for delivering the arms were adopted. General Castillo is thoroughly familiar with the topography of the island, and knows every road that leads to the coast and to safe anchorages for vessels.

PLAN CONTEMPLATED.

This government will, probably this week, send a vessel to a secluded place on the coast. The vessel will have on board the arms and ammunition so anxiously wanted by the Cubans, and it will be protected by one or two gunboats.

On shore, the large Cuban force will be waiting. It is said that the entire Cuban army may be concentrated at this point, under the